



PULSE

EPISODE 22

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HUH...?
THERE'S ONLY
TWO PILLS
LEFT IN THIS
ONE...



GET IT
TOGETHER,
LYNN... WHY
DIDN'T YOU
TELL ME YOU
WERE ALMOST
OUT OF
MEDICINE?

IT'LL BE
DANGEROUS IF
YOU FORGET
ABOUT THIS
STUFF...

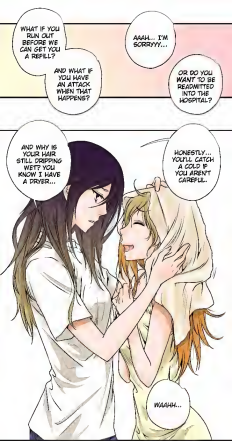


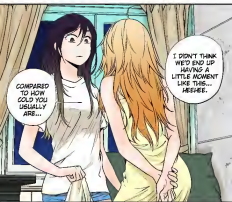
WHOO...
YOU SURE CAN
SOUND STERN
WHEN YOU
WANT TO BE...



I WAS GOING
TO TELL
YOU...

IT'S JUST THAT
I GOT SO EXCITED
OVER GETTING TO
GO OUT THAT IT
SLIPPED MY
MIND...





COMPARED
TO HOW
GOLD YOU
USUALLY
ARE...

I DIDN'T THINK
WE'D END UP
HAVING A
LITTLE MOMENT
LIKE THIS...
HEHEE.



Hah!
Take that!

Don't get
involved with
me!

YOUR
BROTHER
WILL HAVE
MY HEAD IF I
DON'T TAKE
GOOD CARE
OF YOU.

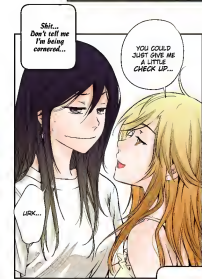
Wah!

Ah!

I JUST
DON'T WANT
YOU TO
GET ME IN
TROUBLE!



WELL...
IF YOU REALLY
WANT TO BE
THOROUGH
WITH THE
JOB...



Shit...
Don't tell me
I'm being
cornered...

YOU COULD
JUST GIVE ME
A LITTLE
CHECK UP...

Ugh...

by this little
lamb of
a girl...



*I'm always
fully aware
of my own
desires...*



*And I know full
well how much
I desire the body
of the person
standing
in front of me.*

*This could just be
one huge trap to
mess with my
head so she can
win that stupid
bet, and I wouldn't
even realize it.*



*Or does she feel
and desire the
same thing from
me after all...?*



Regardless.



*I'm at the point
where I just want
to say "screw it"
to this game we're
playing, already.*



...But are
you really
sure, Mel...?



You'll lose
control of the
ball once it
starts rolling...

and you're still
so, so fragile in
your current
state.



smooch

WENT?



IT'S GOTTEN
REALLY LATE;
WE SHOULD
HEAD TO BED
NOW.

IT'S ALREADY
PAST YOUR
CURFEW.

SWEET DREAMS...



HFFF...



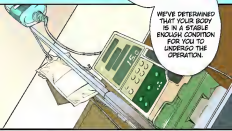
Damn it
shit, FUCK!!
Mel, you
DUMBASS--
what have
you done to
yourself!?!?

AAAH!!
How am I
supposed to
get any
sleep
NOW!?



AFTER THOROUGH
EXAMINATION OF
THE X-RAYS AND
THE BIOPSY
REPORTS, I'VE
DECIDED TO
SCHEDULE YOU
FOR SURGERY.

WE'VE DETERMINED
THAT YOUR BODY
IS IN A STABLE
ENOUGH CONDITION
FOR YOU TO
UNDERGO THE
OPERATION.



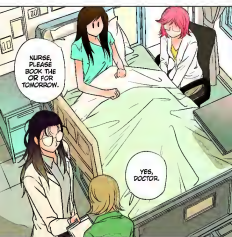


BEST CASE
SCENARIO, WE
MIGHT BE ABLE
TO GO THROUGH
WITH IT AS SOON
AS TOMORROW.



SEE, IT'S
JUST A SMALL
OPERATION!
NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT.

WHEN YOU GET
BETTER, WE
REALLY WILL
BE ABLE TO GO
ON OUR TRIP
AS PLANNED,
AFTER ALL...



NURSE,
PLEASE
BOOK THE
OP FOR
TOMORROW.

YES,
DOCTOR.

AND I'LL NEED
THE PATIENT'S
FAMILY TO FILL IN
SOME ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS,
AS WELL.





I'LL GO AND
TAKE CARE OF
THOSE FORMS
REALLY QUICK.

BE BACK IN
A BIT, DEAR.

OKAY.



THAT
WAS QUITE
HEARTWARMING.

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU TWO
BEEN MARRIED?



HAHA...
NOT THAT
LONG AT ALL,
ACTUALLY...

WE JUST
TIED THE
KNOT LAST
WEEK.



AND YOU,
DOCTOR? DO YOU
HAVE A SPECIAL
LADY IN YOUR
LIFE?

Hehehe

Er...



HAHA...
WAS IT
THAT
OBVIOUS?

HEHEHEH!
NOT QUITE...
I WAS
TESTING
THE WATERS
WITH THAT
QUESTION.

THOUGH
I DID HAVE A
HUNCH...
YOU DO COME
OFF A LITTLE
STRONG WITH
THAT SORT
OF AURA.



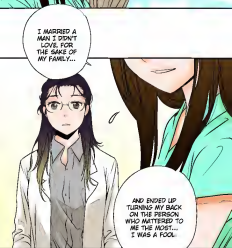
YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED BUT JUST DECIDED NOT TO ASK...

...ABOUT HOW ACCUSTOMED MY RING FINGER LOOKS TO WEARING A WEDDING BAND.



I WAS A COWARD, DOCTOR. ONCE.

I CHOSE TO HIDE BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF "TRADITION" AND SOCIAL NORMS.



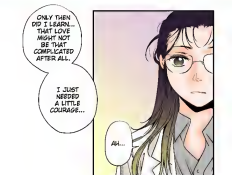
I MARRIED A MAN I DIDN'T LOVE, FOR THE SAKE OF MY FAMILY...

AND ENDED UP TURNING MY BACK ON THE PERSON WHO MATTERED TO ME THE MOST... I WAS A FOOL.



TWELVE YEARS, WASTED... UNTIL I MANAGED TO MUSTER UP THE COURAGE TO DO AS MY HEART TRULY DESIRED.

SHE WAS THERE FOR ME THEN, AND WHEN IT ALL CAME TO AN END... IT'S ALWAYS BEEN HER BY MY SIDE.



ONLY THEN DID I LEARN... THAT LOVE MIGHT NOT BE THAT COMPLICATED AFTER ALL.

I JUST NEEDED A LITTLE COURAGE...

Ah...

*"All you need
is courage"...*



EXCUSE
ME.

I HAVE
THE MEDICAL
HISTORY
CHARTS OF
THE PATIENT IN
THE WARD FOR
TOMORROW.



THANK YOU.
YOU CAN
JUST LEAVE
THEM ON
THE TABLE.



.....
.....



!!!



Hel...

I miss
you...



I MISS YOU
SO MUCH...



**LISTEN to
yourself!
You're
ENGAGED!!**

**You KNOW
I don't mess
around with
cheaters!**



**I'LL BREAK
UP WITH
TOM!!**



LET GO.

**THIS IS YOUR
PROBLEM, AND
I DON'T WANT ANY
PART IN IT.**



**THERE WAS
NEVER ANYTHING
SPECIAL BETWEEN
US IN THE FIRST
PLACE.**

**Wait,
Hed...**





TO BE CONTINUED.